

Sir or ma'am: Comments on the expansion of LPFM service. The expansion may have a bearing on a large Xian radio station, KLOVE, that services El Paso. KLOVE meets many community needs: acting as a bulletin board for the local churches; offering telephone lines for troubled people who need counseling or just to talk to caring people; providing radio service that is not crude, insulting, or obnoxiously political. Many people of various religious persuasions and political positions in El Paso listen to KLOVE because they feel attacked by the anger and verbal/musical violence on the majority of AM/FM stations. If this station were forced from El Paso's radio dial, more people would turn to satellite radio, turn off their radios, or listen to more CDs/tapes. This would negatively affect local merchant advertising (listeners still flip their dials to other stations if they don't like a song) as well as church outreach to the community. There would be a lot more stressed and angry people in El Paso as well; KLOVE provides a valuable service by offering an escape. During the recent ground war and this election season, many, many people I know switched to KLOVE. Losing this station would drive these people from FM/AM completely. Also, losing KLOVE would remove an outlet that provides visibility of Christianity as a viable, living, approachable religion. Thank you for your time; please rethink the current plan to force translators off the air.